

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A carrier plate (1) designed for precut double-loop wire units (4), which carrier plate is made of an elastic material, **characterized** in that the carrier plate (1) comprises
 - a frame (3), to which there are connected several elongate storage elements (5),
 - the width (d) of the frame (51) of each elongate storage element (5) is roughly the same or smaller than the width (D) of the double-loop wire unit, and the length (l) of the frame (51) of the storage element (5) is the same or larger than the length (L) of the double-loop wire unit, so that
 - adjacent storage elements are separated by a clearance (7) and
 - the storage elements (5) are provided with retainer elements (2).
2. (original) A carrier plate according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the retainer elements (2) are formed of nodules placed at the bottom part (51; 51c) of each storage element frame, which nodules are advantageously located at the side (51d) of the storage element frame (51).
3. (original) A carrier plate according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the retainer elements (2) are formed of a tape attached in the vicinity of the end part (5; 51c) of the storage elements (5).

4.(currently amended) A carrier plate according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterized** in that the carrier plate (1) is plastic or board.

5.(currently amended) A carrier plate according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterized** in that the carrier plate thickness (s) is smaller than the height (H) of the chain (41) of the double-loop wire unit (4).

6.(currently amended) A carrier plate according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterized** in that in shape, the carrier plate frame (3) is a rectangle or a semicircle.

7.(currently amended) A carrier plate according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterized** in that the width (d) of the frame (51) of the storage elements (5) remains essentially the same from the junction (6; 6a) of the carrier plate frame (3) and the storage element frame (51) as far as the beginning (6; 6b) of the end part of the storage element frame, i.e. the tip (51c).

8.(original) An arrangement for removing precut double-loop wire units (4) from a carrier plate (1), said carrier plate being made of an elastic material, **characterized** in that the carrier plate (1) comprises

- a frame (3), to which there are connected several elongate storage elements (5),

- the width (d) of the frame (51) of each elongate storage element (5) is roughly the same or smaller than the width (D) of the double-loop wire unit, and the length (l) of the frame (51) of the storage element (5) is the same or larger than the length (L) of the double-loop wire unit, so that

- adjacent storage elements are separated by a clearance (7), and

- the storage elements (5) are provided with retainer elements (2)
- the double-loop wire units (4) are removed from the carrier plate by pulling them along the lengthwise axis of the elongate storage elements, away from the frame (3) of the carrier plate.

9.(original) An arrangement according to claim 8, **characterized** in that with respect to the horizontal plane, the direction of the plane defined by the carrier plate frame (3) is between 0 - 180 degrees, when the double-loop wire units are removed from the carrier plate.